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## **BOARD DISCUSSES ACCOUNTABILITY, TEACHER/LEADER EFFECTIVENESS**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its regular meeting on Wednesday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard discussions and made decisions on a variety of items.

The board agreed to delay implementation of the world language Program Review, which is outlined in state regulation 704 KAR 5:230. That Program Review will be implemented in the 2014-15 school year in grades kindergarten through 12th, and results will be reported for the purposes of school and district accountability in the 2015-16 school year.

Per KRS 156.136, the board appointed Vearl Pennington to fill the temporary vacancy created by suspension of Bath County Board of Education member William Boyd. At a special-called meeting in September, the board suspended Boyd from his position as board member for 90 days.

The board heard reports and had discussions on a variety of items:

- Teacher and Leader Effectiveness from Preparation to Practice
- 2010-11 State Assessment Results
- state regulation 703 KAR 5:070, Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability Programs
- state regulation 703 KAR 5:240, Next-Generation Learners Procedures
- repeal of assessment and accountability regulations to be replaced by 703 KAR 5:240
- state regulation 703 KAR 5:140, Requirements for school and district report cards
- Teach For America update
- Common Kindergarten Entry Assessment regulation
- audit update and review of the commissioner's and board's expenses

The board took the following actions:

- approved the 2012-2014 Biennial Budget
- approved the Legislative Agenda for the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly
- gave final approval to 704 KAR 19:001, the state regulation related to alternative education programs
- approved a request from the Ballard County school district for a waiver of 704 KAR 3:285, Section 9, which relates to the provision of gifted and talented education funds
- approved district facility plans for the Boyle, Hardin, Ohio, Owen, Spencer and Webster County school districts and the Fort Thomas Independent school district
- approved 2011-2012 Local District Tax Rates Levied
- approved the commissioner of education's written evaluation and goals for 2011-12

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The Kentucky Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled for December 7 in Frankfort.

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